

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

OCRA Public Hearing

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

11:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh and Member David S. Byers.

Also present: Sharon Hutchison, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Wafford.

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – President Brown

II. OCRA PHASE 1 FUNDING

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) program is funded by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. These funds are to be used for a Community Development project that will include the following activities: a delivery service to provide supplies to quarantined individuals of those medically vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic. The amount of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be requested is \$100,000. The amount to be used for the activities that will benefit low- to moderate-income families is \$100,000.

Khala Hochstedler, Health Department Administrator, advised that there has been approximately \$2,000 expended to provide food to quarantined households so far. When the Health Department advises an individual that they must quarantine due to Covid-19, they ask them if they have family or friends that can deliver groceries and medications to them. If the individual does not have family or friends who can bring them groceries, the Health Department is required by the Indiana Communicable Disease Code to provide this service to them. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the County Health Department has provided groceries to approximately 15 separate households. For the Phase 1 funding to cover the service, the household has to meet certain income guidelines. If they do not meet the guidelines for this program, there are other funds in place to still provide the groceries needed.

Commissioner Brown asked if the Purdue University students who have Covid-19 are being cared for outside of this funding.

Khala Hochstedler advised that Purdue Students can isolate in designated isolation housing where their needs are being met. However, for the students who live in apartments and choose not to isolate in this housing, there may be a need to provide this service for them.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn. President Brown adjourned the meeting.

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Tracy A. Brown, President



Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice-President



David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:



Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

09/21/2020

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary

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Special Meeting

Public Hearing for OCRA Phase 2 Funding

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- I. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER** – President Brown
- II. **OCRA PHASE 2 FUNDING** – Tracy Brown, and Tom Murtaugh

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) program is funded by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. These funds are to be used for a Community Development project that will include the following activities: Business Grantmaking program. The amount of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be requested is \$250,000. The amount to be used for the activities that will benefit low- to moderate-income families is \$243,750.

The funds will be used to provide loans to businesses outside of the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette. These businesses can apply for a forgivable loan of up to \$10,000. The loans are intended to help these businesses retain their employees during the COVID-19 Health Emergency. There will be paperwork that the applicants must complete including, Census information tracking the income of each employee. Fifty-one percent of the business' employees need to be below the low- to moderate-income levels. If the terms are met for two years, the loan can then be forgiven. There is no limit on the current numbers required for a business to qualify for this funding.

There will be a committee appointed to review the applications received. OCRA has guidelines as to who may serve on the committee, and the Board of Commissioners are still working to fill the committee positions.

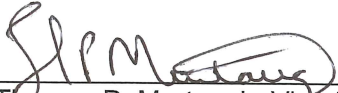
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn. President Brown adjourned the meeting.

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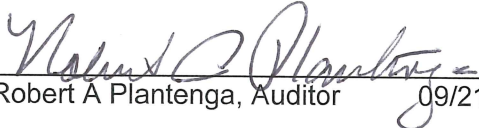


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